EHEHE...
...UFUFU.
...PLEASE TAKE THAT OFF WHILE WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK, MANAGER!
How many times have you been grinning to yourself this morning?

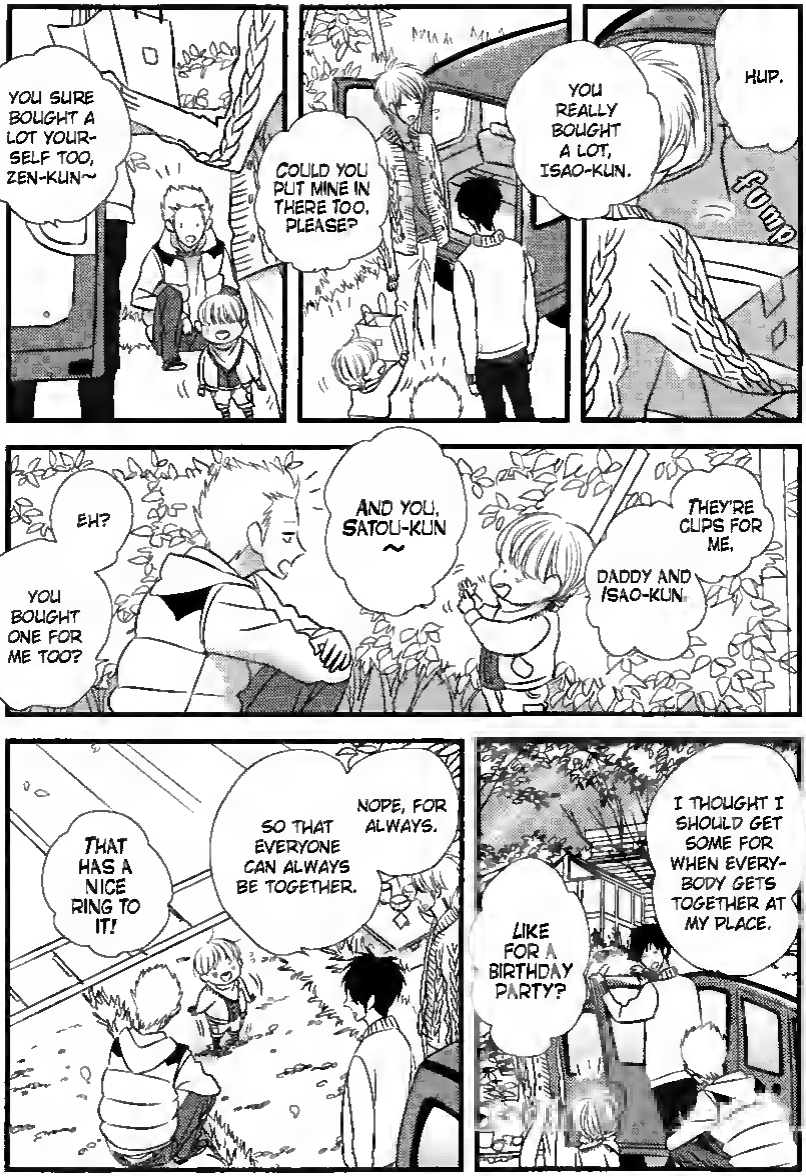
The Manager's Rose-Colored Day Off

SO PLEASE WAIT UNTIL YOU GET HOME TO PUT IT ON!
WE DON'T KNOW WHERE OR WHEN IT MIGHT BE SEEN BY CUSTOMERS, THOUGH.
ISN'T IT OKAY AS LONG AS THERE AREN'T ANY CUSTOMERS AROUND?

GLASS STUDIO
I'LL BE GOING TO VISIT HOSOI-SAN'S STUDIO ON OUR NEXT DAY OFF FROM THE STORE.
SINCE I'LL BE OUTSIDE THE CITY, I CAN WEAR THE RING THEN! RIGHT?
PLEASE BE ON GUARD AND MAKE SURE NO CUSTOMERS SEE THAT RING, THOUGH!
Are you in grade school?
ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE AGAIN, ISAO-KUN?
Sorry to be intruding.
OH HELLO, KOUTAROU-SAN, ZEN-KUN.
I'LL BE GOING TO SEE A GLASS MAKER IN IBARAKI WHO'S ALWAYS BEEN GOOD TO ME.
I WAS THINKING OF GOING TO STOCK UP ON FLOWER VASES ON MY NEXT DAY OFF.
THEN DO YOU MIND IF I COME ALONG?

I'M ALLOWED TO TAKE A PAID DAY OFF WORK.
I HAVEN'T TAKEN ANY THIS MONTH YET, EITHER.
EH?
A DATE...!
SO FROM NOW ON, ONCE A MONTH, LET'S GET OUR DAYS OFF TOGETHER AND GO ON A DATE.
OUR DAYS OFF NORMALLY DON'T MATCH UP WITH EACH OTHER.
But then it wouldn't be a date, right?
EH~?
COME ALONG TOO, SATOU-KUN!
ZEN'LL TAKE THAT DAY OFF FROM DAY-CARE, TOO.

DATE WEATHER!
THAT HAS A WONDERFUL RING TO IT.
IT'S PERFECT DATE WEATHER, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS REALLY GREAT WEATHER~
SO PRETTY!
MAYBE WE SHOULD BUY SOME FOR OUR HOUSE, TOO.
AH!
THAT RING BAN'S FINALLY LIFTED NOW, ISN'T IT?
EHE HE.
I'M WEARING MINE TOO~!
SO—?
DO WE LOOK LIKE A MARRIED COUPLE?
WELL..
Not exactly


HUP.
FUMP
YOU REALLY BOUGHT A LOT, ISAO-KUN.
COULD YOU PUT MINE IN THERE TOO, PLEASE?
YOU SURE BOUGHT A LOT YOURSELF TOO, ZEN-KUN~
THEY'RE CLIPS FOR ME, DADDY AND ISAO-KUN.
AND YOU, SATOU-KUN ~
EH? YOU BOUGHT ONE FOR ME TOO?
I THOUGHT I SHOULD GET SOME FOR WHEN EVERYBODY GETS TOGETHER AT MY PLACE.
LIKE FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY?
NOPE, FOR ALWAYS. SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.
THAT HAS A NICE RING TO IT!

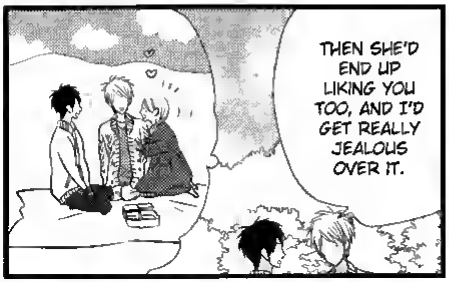
FOOD TASTES A LOT BETTER THAN USUAL WHEN YOU EAT UNDER A BLUE SKY, DOESN'T IT, ZEN?
YEAH! IT'S YUMMY~!
THANKS FOR THE FOOD~
ZEN AND I MADE IT TOGETHER.
IS IT GOOD?
YES!
Thank you
Have some herbal tea
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR MAKING LUNCHES FOR US.
YOU KNOW,
I HOPED TO BE ABLE TO COME TO THIS PARK WITH BOTH YOU AND ZEN-KUN SOMEDAY.
Oh, and Satou-kun too.
Don't say it as if I'm just an after-thought! I'm fine!
MY DREAM'S COME TRUE.

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM, ZEN-KUN?
TO TAKE AN AIRPLANE TOGETHER WITH DADDY!
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND A NEW DREAM THEN, HUH.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I WONDER WHAT IT SHOULD BE.
THEN MY DREAM WILL BE TO MAKE BOTH OF YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE.
LET'S TAKE AN AIRPLANE AND GO SOMEWHERE NEXT TIME.
THEN MY DREAM'LL BE TO RIDE THAT AIRPLANE TOGETHER WITH YOU TWO.
AND WITH SATOU-KUN TOO.
Like I said, I'm fine!
WE'LL ALL TAKE IT TO-GETHER!
LET'S GO IN FIRST CLASS!
YAY~ I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT IT, ZEN!
THERE'RE THINGS IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW, THOUGH

CAN I GO PLAY ON THE SLIDE, DADDY?
HOLD ON.
IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE.
AH,
I'LL GO WITH HIM.
THE TWO OF YOU CAN JUST TAKE YOUR TIME.
IS SATOU-KUN AN ANGEL OR SOMETHING?
SWOOSH
...IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE BEEN ALONE TOGETHER LIKE THIS, HASN'T IT.
GIMME YOUR LAP, ISAO-KUN.
EH?
blush
I'LL STOP IF SOMEONE COMES.
Ah, so firm.
roll

I USED TO DO THIS A LOT WITH AIKO-SAN, TOO~
SINCE I WAS ALWAYS OUT AND NEVER HOME,
I GOT HER TO DO THIS FOR ME WHEN I WAS.
EVEN DURING FUN TIMES LIKE THIS, I STILL REMEMBER IT FROM TIME TO TIME.
AND I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK, "IT'D BE SO GREAT IF SHE WERE HERE TOO."
.....
teary
AH!
SORRY, DID I MAKE YOU SAD?
I— I'M SORRY.
Blow your nose
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW LONELY IT IS THAT AIKO-SAN ISN'T HERE WITH US, I SUDDENLY...

Squeeze
THANK YOU.

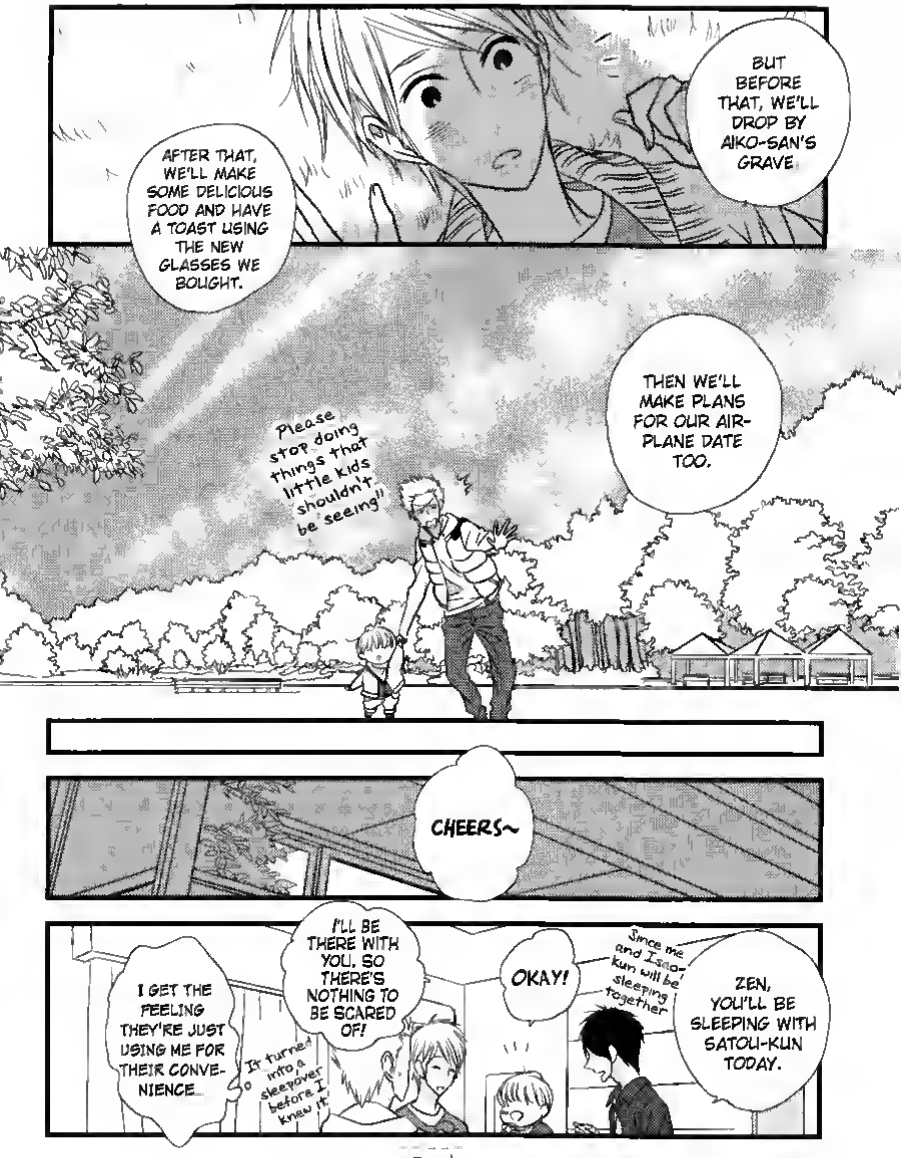

THEN SHE'D END UP LIKING YOU TOO, AND I'D GET REALLY JEALOUS OVER IT.

IF AIKO-SAN WERE HERE RIGHT NOW, I'D BRAG NON-STOP ABOUT YOU, ISAO-KUN.

THEN IT'D TURN INTO A STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US FOR YOU, ISAO-KUN.
AHA HA.

...IF AIKO-SAN WERE HERE RIGHT NOW WITH US, THEN I'D WANT TO TELL HER, "I LOVE KOUTAROU-SAN VERY MUCH."

I LOVE THE KOUTAROU-SAN WHO'S ALWAYS LOVED AIKO-SAN VERY MUCH.
I WANNA KISS YOUR WHOLE FACE.
WAH!
thump
AH~!
MAN~
I CAN'T HOLD MYSELF BACK ANY MORE!
...AH, DAMN IT.
Jump
IT—
IT TICKLES, KOUTAROU-SAN.
kiss
kiss
kiss
THEN AIKO-SAN WOULD DEFINITELY SAY, "HOW COULD SOMEONE LIKE ISAO-KUN FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE LIKE HIM?"
THEN LET'S PUT ZEN TO BED AND HAVE SEX.
...EH!?
kiss
LET'S GO HOME, ISAO-KUN.

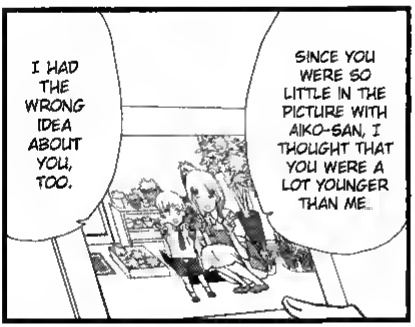

BUT BEFORE THAT, WE'LL DROP BY AIKO-SAN'S GRAVE.
AFTER THAT, WE'LL MAKE SOME DELICIOUS FOOD AND HAVE A TOAST USING THE NEW GLASSES WE BOUGHT.
THEN WE'LL MAKE PLANS FOR OUR AIR-PLANE DATE TOO.
Please stop doing things that little kids shouldn't be seeing!!
CHEERS~
ZEN, YOU'LL BE SLEEPING WITH SATOU-KUN TODAY.
Since me and Isara-kun will be sleeping together
OKAY!
I'LL BE THERE WITH YOU, SO THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SCARED OF!
It turned into a sleepover before I knew it
I GET THE FEELING THEY'RE JUST USING ME FOR THEIR CONVE-NIENCE...

End

Extra

Thank you so much for those who have stayed with the manga this far!

Age Difference.


I HAD THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT YOU, TOO.
SINCE YOU WERE SO LITTLE IN THE PICTURE WITH AIKO-SAN, I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE A LOT YOUNGER THAN ME.

IT'S OKAY, NO ONE'LL SEE US
Haa Haa
Ah!
SENPAI..! PLEASE STOP!
DOING THIS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS IS EMBARRASSING...!
SURE, LET'S STUDY TOGETHER
COULD YOU HELP ME WITH MY STUDIES, SENPAI?

Aiko-san passed away at the age of 47
While trying to make sense of a bunch of things, before I realized it, I was already at this age

THE BOTH OF THEM HAVE SUCH A VIVID IMAGINATION...
25 years old
5 years old
THAT'S RIGHT...!
I would've loved to go on a date with you right after school, in our uniforms
IF WE WERE STILL SCHOOL AGE, WE COULD'VE GONE TO SCHOOL TOGETHER, HUH.

T/N: A FAMOUS CHILDREN'S SONG CALLED KOGITSUNE

IT DOESN'T MATTER MUCH BUT COULD YOU PLEASE REFRAIN FROM ASKING ME TO BABYSIT FOR YOU ON THE DAYS THAT THE MANAGER WILL BE STAY-ING OVER?
Doggy-cop was saying he would take her home.
GEEZ~
SO ADOR-ABLE~

T/N: ANOTHER FAMOUS CHILDREN'S SONG CALLED INU NO OMAWARISAN

The extra's extra four panel comic.

Chasing after ants.
Bursting into tears while lis-tening to the story of Gon*.
Pretending to not be scared even though he really is.

T/N: REFERRING TO GON, THE LITTLE FOX, A CHILDREN'S STORY ABOUT A FOX THAT SECRET-LY GIVES A MAN MUSHROOMS AND NUTS OVER GUILT OF BESTOWING MISFORTUNE ON HIM.

あとがき

貧乏性なもので、ぴっしりまんがを
つめこんでしまいました…

こんにちは、もしくははじめまして
モチメ子と申します。
このたびは「恋するバラ色店長」を
お手にとっていただき、
どうもありがとうございます！

お花屋さんへのあこがれとか、
子持ちのお父さんの父性とか、
わたしの好きなものをたくさん
つめこんでできたお話です…

少女まんがをかいているようで
とてもたのしかったのですが、
あとで読み返したときにものすごく
恥ずかしくなるんだろうな…！

読んでくださった方に
すこしでもたのしい気持ちを
お届けできますように。

それでは、
またいつかどこかで
お目にかかれましたら
うれしいです！

いつもお世話になっている（多大なご迷惑をおかけしている）
編集T さん、デザイナーさん、編集長様、編集部のみなさま
それから印刷所の方に営業部の方　あとどれくらいの方にお世話になっているのか把握できてないのですが、
どこかのときに紫護でかけつけてくれたはるみちゃん、応援してくれたお友達、バイト先のみなさん
そして、読んでくださった方々の方へ、どうもありがとうございます!!

たくさんの方に読んでいただけて、とても幸せです！　2010.10　モチメ子